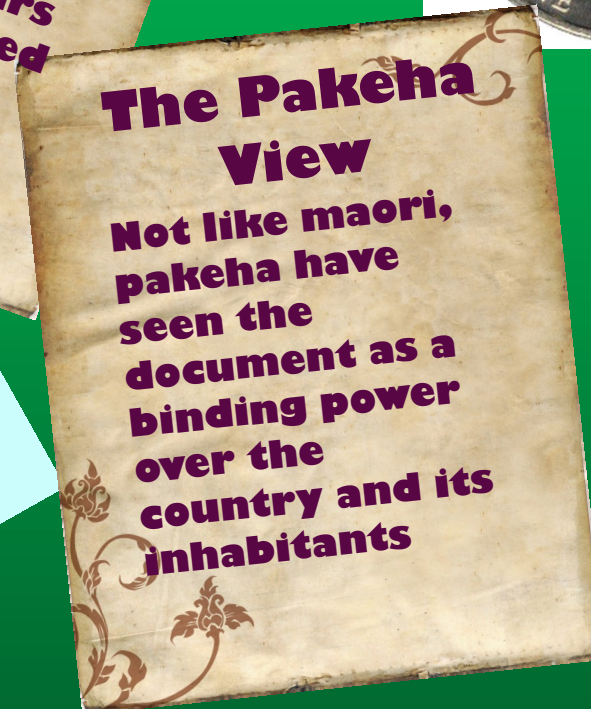
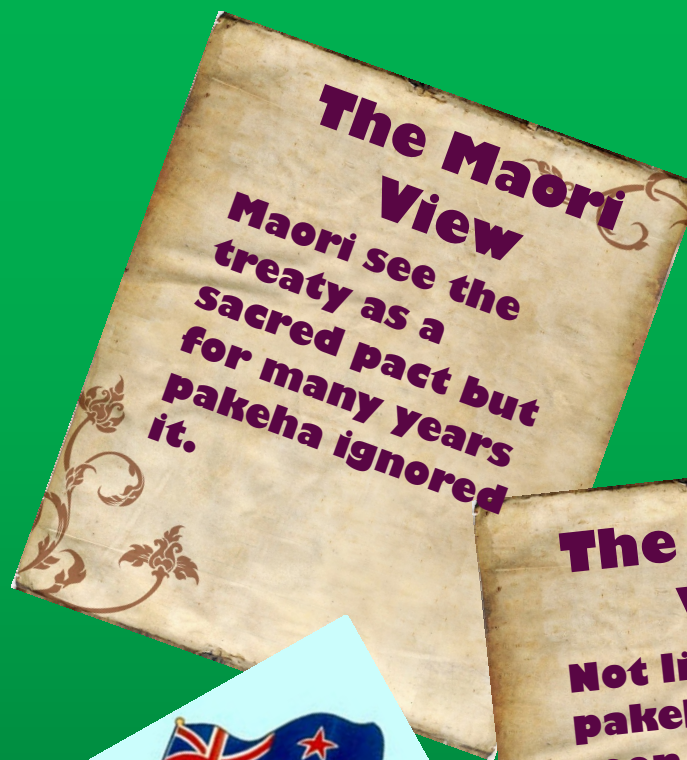


History of the Treaty of Waitangi

It was signed on the 6 February 1840 at James Busby's house, now known as the Treaty House.

It made New Zealand part of the British Empire, it gave Maori the rights to their land and the rights of British subjects.

The Maori and the English versions of the Treaty are different and it has led to debate over what was agreed.



Celebrating Waitangi day

The celebration only started in 1934. The Treaty house and grounds were made a public reserve, which was dedicated on 6 February 1934. This was the first Waitangi day, but it was not on every year after that one.

